

THE WEATHER:
Today—Unsettled; probably light snow. Tomorrow—Fair; not much change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 34; lowest, 24.

EBERT OUSTED AS HUN CHIEF; SAILORS FIGHT

Liebknecht, of "Reds," Rules; Hindenburg Is Marching on City.
BERLIN RIOTS CONTINUE
Hun Sailors Disobey Orders to Duty at Coastal Cities.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—A rumor from Berlin late today says Dr. Karl Liebknecht, leader of the German "Reds," has been elected president, replacing Dr. Friedrich Ebert as head of the government. Another rumor, unconfirmed, but credited in many quarters, is to the effect that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is marching on Berlin at the head of a strong army of troops devoted to him. His purpose is to restore order in the capital, and he is said to have the support of the entente powers in his undertaking.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—Sailors who mutinied and fortified themselves in the royal palace have surrendered, according to a Berlin dispatch dated Tuesday. They were given their liberty by Otto Wels, city commandant, who is a majority socialist, the message said.

The palace has been occupied by government troops. Sailors are reported to hold the royal stables. Latest dispatches indicated that the sailors are still holding out and renewed fighting was expected.

Although the sailors have technically surrendered, they refuse to leave the city and have announced they will continue to support Ebert, who permits them to remain.

"The city is on the verge of anarchy, and fighting is expected to continue," the dispatch said.

Two conflicts are now under way in the city—the armed opposition of the sailors and their women to orders transferring the men to coastal cities, and the efforts of the rejuvenated Spartacists to overthrow the Ebert-Scheidemann government.

FRANCE IS SPLIT OVER QUESTION OF ANNEXATION

Socialist Deputy Demands Light on Plans of Government.
WANT SARRE BASIN Project to Take Over Left Bank of Rhine Is Denied.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The political storm that has been long brewing under the surface broke out in the Chamber of deputies today in the form of a sharp debate over Franco-British annexationist aims. Through it whizzed flashes revealing President Wilson as the chief hope of the French Socialists, particularly as regards open diplomacy.

The exchange of strong remarks began when Marcel Cachin, Socialist leader, demanded a flat statement from the government as to whether the Peace Conference shall be secret or public. He mentioned the fact that President Wilson advocated "open covenants of peace, openly arrived at."

He reminded the government of the secret pact with Russia in 1918.

Aristide Briand, who was premier at that time, replied that the results of the conference would be made public, but that it would be impossible for the allies to reach the agreement confronting the pourparlers.

"Loyal allies should be able to exchange views openly," was M. Cachin's retort.

Touches on Syrian Plans.
The Socialist spokesman then touched upon the subject of the debate over the disposition of Syria.

"England," he said, "emerges from the war possessing a formidable colonial empire."

With regard to the Anglo-French protectorate in Syria, he said, it was necessary to assure the Syrian people that they would have the full exercise of the right of self-determination.

M. Cachin then opposed annexation by France of the left bank of the Rhine and of the Sarre Basin. He demanded light on the government's intentions on this score.

Former Premier Briand, in reply, stated that the government did not intend annexing the left bank of the Rhine, but added he could not deny that the annexation of the Sarre Basin had been contemplated.

Silent About Russia.
Foreign Minister Pichon refused to say that the government intended to send an expeditionary force to Russia.

M. Cachin accused Gen. Franchet d'Esperey, commander-in-chief of the allied Balkan armies, of co-operating with Gen. Denikine, menacing the government of the Ukraine.

MRS. WILSON SPENDS BUSY DAY IN LONDON

Shops with Queen Mary; Guest of Readings; Honored at Club.
London, Dec. 27.—Queen Mary guided Mrs. Woodrow Wilson on a sightseeing and shopping tour of London's fashionable shops today.

President and Mrs. Wilson left Buckingham Palace about the same time to take up the day's activities. Following her trip as the shopping guest of Queen Mary, Mrs. Wilson was the guest of Lord and Lady Reading at an informal luncheon. The guests included Mrs. Lloyd George, Mrs. John W. Davis and Mrs. H. H. Asquith.

Mrs. Butler Wright, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck and Mrs. John Astor were the selected escort of Mrs. Wilson during a visit to the American Women's Club, where a reception was held in her honor.

Countess Harcourt, Lady Ward, Lady Paget and Mrs. Walter Burns.

GIVES COMPOSITION OF GERMAN ASSEMBLY

Editor George Bernhard Claims Socialists Will Have 200 Majority.
London, Dec. 27.—Regarding the probable composition of the national assembly to be elected in Germany, George Bernhard, editor of the Vossische Zeitung, gives the following estimate:

The assembly will consist of 433 members, about 200 will be majority socialists and 20 independent socialists; 50 will belong to the new democratic party; 100 will belong to the Christian socialist party, the old Centre party, and the remainder will be distributed among the spartacist groups and the conservatives.

Owners to Get \$65,000 for Damage to Property

Frank H. Walker and Frank E. Smith, owners of lots adjoining the west wall of the Government Printing Office, are to receive jointly \$65,000 as damages to their property under an amendment to the urgent deficiency bill proposed by Senator Calder, of New York.

The damage to the property grew out of the construction of the wall of the Printing Office, and the lots will become the property of the government when the amount is paid.

Gen. Ludendorff Joins Ex-Kaiser's Alibi Club

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—Gen. Erich Ludendorff, former quartermaster general and German dictator, is living in solitude in a quiet German town completing his memoirs, the Kreuz Zeitung announces.

The paper asserts the general will clear up the question of responsibility for the war as well as the circumstances surrounding the Brest-Litovsk and Bucharest treaties.



America and Huns Friends, Desire of Von Hindenburg

Herald Staff Correspondent Interviews Ex-Kaiser's Leading Commander, Who Declares Germany Beaten by Sheer Force of Numbers.
By C. G. LYON
Washington Herald Staff Correspondent.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Hindenburg wants America to be friendly with Germany.

He told me so in an interview which I have just brought from Germany.

"Now that the war is over, I sincerely trust the two nations may become friends again," he said.

The interview took place in general German army headquarters at Cassel, in the Prussian province of Hesse, about halfway between the western border and Berlin.

On the day I arrived, Hindenburg was out of the city. I was received by Gen. Groener, successor to Ludendorff as next in command to Hindenburg.

The next morning Hindenburg was still absent, and I was prepared to give up the idea of interviewing him, and resume my journey to Berlin.

Courier Sent for Reporter.
I was eating lunch in the Cassel hotel when a courier came from headquarters, saying Hindenburg had returned, and would talk to me at 4 o'clock.

Hindenburg sent an automobile which conveyed me to headquarters, located in a big hotel in the same grounds as the former Kaiser's summer palace, a mile outside the city.

There were no signs of the revolution around headquarters. No red flags prevailed. On the walls hung oil portraits of the former Kaiser, and other Hohenzollern rulers.

At exactly 4 o'clock a German major led the way to Hindenburg's private office.

Hindenburg, standing near a big

replaced, came forward quickly, shook hands, and addressed me through an interpreter in German.

"Tell me first—how did you get here?"

I replied:

"We just passed through your lines from the western front in an automobile. Nobody stopped us."

Hindenburg smiled.

"Just like you Americans," he said.

While he drew up chairs, I took the opportunity to study him. He looked tired and careworn, but physically vigorous, despite his 72 years.

He is big-built, with an enormous head and bushy hair, his large mouth partly hidden by a thick mustache.

He is not so stern and forbidding as I had expected.

Hindenburg said:

"You must appreciate why these

Blue Star of Soldier Changes to Gold When He Dies, Mother Says
New York, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Annie Kilmer, mother of the late Sgt. Joyce Kilmer, of the 154th Infantry, of the poet, says that the blue enamel star on the little service flag pin he gave her on leaving for France mysteriously turned to gold when he was killed in action.

"He was killed July 30," said Mrs. Kilmer. "I was in Litchfield, Conn., when the news reached me, in August, and I said to my husband, 'I shall always wear the little service flag he gave me, but I'll pin it on a bow of black ribbon.' While I was doing so, to my great astonishment, I saw the blue star had changed to gold."

"I have showed it to many, and none can explain it. Many jewelers have seen it and they offer no solution."

Family of Six Dies in Fire.
Bradford, Pa., Dec. 27.—Mrs. James Dempsey and her five children were burned to death at Eldred, Pa., when their home was destroyed by fire early today. James Dempsey, head of the family, was at work on an oil well several miles from home when the fire broke out.

Must Wear White Service Chevrons, New War Ruling
Wearing of white chevrons to indicate home service is compulsory, Secretary of War Baker explained yesterday afternoon.

He said the War Department is not disposed to rescind the orders, though there has been considerable criticism as to this distinction.

Princess Pat Will Wed Naval Officer
London, Dec. 27.—King George and Queen Mary announced tonight their consent to the betrothal of the Princess Patricia, of Connaught, to Commander Theophilus Alexander Ramsay, of the Royal Navy, who was aide-de-camp to the Duke of Connaught when the latter was in Canada and is a brother of the Earl of Dalhousie.

Princess Patricia is a first cousin to King George.

GREAT PIANIST TO LEAD POLES
Paderewski Leaves London; Labor Conference Awaits Gompers.
London, Dec. 27.—Diplomats here are much interested in the sudden departure, of Ignace Paderewski to Poland and somewhat puzzled by the rumor that a coterie of influential Poles desires the great pianist to accept the national leadership of his native country.

If this event should come to pass it will mark the newest departure from the trusted customs of central Europe, where before the war only scorn would have greeted the proposal of placing the reins of a nation in the hands of a professional musician.

Internationalization Possible.
Diplomatic circles here are also taking cognizance of a report that the labor conference in France will take no action pending the arrival of the peace delegates of the allies, headed by Samuel Gompers. Consideration is being given in government circles to the proposal that the labor conference should make its information and views available for the peace delegates of the allies, who, if they think it advisable, could consult unofficially with the labor conference heads on certain points.

Labor Leaders Await Gompers.
The belief is gaining ground that from the meeting of the labor delegates in France will arise a scheme for an international federation of labor to unite the workers of the world. Many difficulties are in the path to such an achievement, it is recognized, but if it is accomplished such a league would possess power for development of vast possibilities.

Washington from the Air
First pictures ever published of Capitol, White House, State, War and Navy Buildings, and other views of this city, photographed from an airplane, will appear in

TOMORROW'S SUNDAY HERALD
Also You Will Want to Read Other Exclusive Features

Beginning "Adventures of Members of Washington's Police Force," by Francis de Sales Ryan.
New Year Eve celebrations when Washington was "young and gay," by Capt. J. Walter Mitchell.
"Good Morning, Judge," those inimitable stories of Police Court humor, by Rudolph Perkins.
The best four-page four-color Comic Section.

THE WASHINGTON HERALD
Tomorrow
THREE CENTS ORDER TODAY—THREE CENTS

WORLD MUST PROVE UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHT AND JUSTICE SAYS WILSON

This Is Woodrow Wilson's Birthday! Born 62 Years Ago in Staunton, Va.

Woodrow Wilson, first citizen of America in the hearts of the people of the world, is 62 years of age today.

He was born in a little parsonage in Staunton, Va., on December 28, 1856. He will breakfast today amid the splendors of the most gorgeous suite in Buckingham Palace, once the home of the King who divided the English-speaking people by driving the United States from the British fold in 1776.

During the day he will be tendered a reception by the Lord Mayor of London, in historic Guild Hall, and later will discuss peace terms for the world with leading British statesmen.

King and President Exchange Praises in Man-to-Man Talk

American Leader Welcomed Back to Land of His Ancestors.
"You and I Embody Spirit of Two Nations," Says Wilson.

London, Dec. 27.—The speech of King George at state banquet to President Wilson at Buckingham Palace tonight follows:

"This is an historic moment and your visit marks an historic epoch. Nearly 150 years have passed since your republic began its independent life, and now, for the first time a President of the United States is our guest in England. We welcome you to the country whence came your ancestors, where stand the homes of those from whom sprang Washington and Lincoln. We welcome you for yourself as one whose insight and calmness and dignity in the discharge of his high duties we have watched with admiration."

"We see in you a happy union of the gifts of the scholar with those of the statesman. You came from a studious, academic quiet into the full stream of an arduous public life and your deliverances have combined a breadth of view and grasp of world problems with the mastery of a lofty diction recalling that of your great orators of the past and of our own."

Tell of Mutual Ties.
"You come to the official head and spokesman of a mighty commonwealth bound to us by the closest ties. Its people speak the tongue of Shakespeare and Milton. Our literature is yours as yours is also ours, and men of letters in both countries have joined in maintaining its incomparable glories."

"To you, not less than to us, belong the memories of our national heroes from King Alfred down to the days of Philip Sydney and Drake, of Raleigh and Blake and Hamden, the days when the political life of the English people in North America was just beginning."

"You share with us the traditions of free self-government as old as the Magna Charta. We recognize a bond of still deeper significance, the common ideals which our peoples cherish. First among these ideals you value, and we value, freedom and peace. Privileged as we have been to be exponents and examples of national life of the principles of popular self-government based upon equal laws, it now falls to both of us alike to see how these principles can be applied to the world."

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King Toasts Wilson Who Reciprocates

Heads of English-speaking Nations Mark New Epoch for Mankind at Banquet in Buckingham Palace.

London, Dec. 27.—Two toasts that will go down in history as being spoken by the heads of the two great English-speaking nations at a time which marks a new epoch for mankind were uttered in Buckingham Palace last evening at the great state banquet given by the King and Queen of Britain to President Wilson.

Here are the toasts:

King George: "I drink to the health of the President of the United States and Mrs. Wilson and to the happiness and prosperity of the great American nation."

President Wilson: "May I not, sir, with a feeling of profound sincerity and friendship and sympathy propose your own health and the health of the Queen and the prosperity of Great Britain."

2 BOLSHEVIK SHIPS TAKEN BY BRITONS
First Act of War on Sea Against Russia.
London, Dec. 27.—News of the first act of war by sea against the Russian Bolsheviks was given out by the admiralty tonight in the following statement:

"M. S. Calypso captured two Bolshevik destroyers, one of which was bombing a lighthouse in the vicinity of Revel."

"The Bolshevik men and officers were taken prisoner."

"There were no British casualties."

NEEDS MORE MONEY FOR WAR WORKERS
Secretary Baker Asks \$2,722,265 from Congress.
Secretary of War Baker sent a request to the House of Representatives yesterday for \$2,722,265 as supplemental pay for employees of the War Department.

In a letter accompanying the request, Secretary Baker explained that the original estimates amounted to \$2,183,842 and that these estimates were framed while the war was on. After the armistice was signed these estimates were reduced to \$1,238,304.25. This reduction was made with the idea that the army during the year, 1920 would be reduced to 500,000. Since then, Secretary Baker states, he has learned that the country must maintain a larger force.

Dutch Queen Is Threatened.
Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—Queen Wilhelmina has received a letter threatening her life unless the Kaiser is forced to leave the country within eight days, according to the Telegraaf. The letter was mailed in Amsterdam and is anonymous.

Ignore Russ Peace Plea.
London, Dec. 27.—The allies have not responded to the Bolshevik request for peace negotiations because they have not been formally recognized and are not considered a representative government, the Reuter Agency declared today.

Resignation of Creel Can't Be Verified Yet
Paris, Dec. 27.—No verification could be obtained today of rumors that George Creel, head of the Committee on Public Information, had resigned. He was temporarily absent from the city.

It is known Creel announced his intention of quitting before coming to Europe.

SKOROPADSKI ABDICATES.
Directorum, Assuming Control of Ukraine, Enters Kiev.
London, Dec. 27.—The Ukrainian federal army has informed the Committee at Kiev that Hetman Skoropadski abdicated on December 24, according to dispatches received here today. The directorum, assuming control of the country, entered Kiev on December 22.